

ON THE INSIDE- in Washington!



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Prime Minister Churchill's dismissal of the Dover strait episode as an "annoyance" which had compensating values for Britain clearly indicates his own conviction that neither that fiasco nor the fall of Singapore has seriously shaken his war leadership.

He conceded nothing to his parliamentary or press critics except the formal inquiry into air force admiralty liaison failures which may have permitted escape of a trio of heavy nazis warcraft, damaged but unsunk.

It was a characteristically bold Churchill approach to his home front problem. There is no more astute and experienced reader of the British mind. His move outflanked his critics. It also tended strongly to reassure all Britain's war associates that there is to be no break in the continuity of British leadership.

Even as he spoke Royal air force bombers were hunting anew in German harbors for the ships that escaped them in the strait. The prime minister found some additional satisfaction in the fact that bombs which miss them now will fall on German, not French heads. He was satisfied from his own inquiry that all three vessels were further damaged in their daring race and will not soon be fit for action.

The test of the Churchill theory that removal of those important naval units from Brest to Heligoland has "eased" rather than increased British peril in the Atlantic depends on why Hitler ordered the dash. If Churchill is right, it was because Hitler had no hope of ever using them effectively from Brest under a continual deluge of British bombs.

Four thousand tons of bombs were rained on them at Brest in ten months. Although their escape shows that high-altitude bombing against small targets is utterly inefficient, the law of averages makes certain that some of those bombs fell true. German repair crews had to do their work over and over again.

Hence Churchill argues that the Germans decided to take the ships out of Brest, thus sacrificing the strategic advantages of an operating base on the flank of British convoys in the Atlantic.

Nevertheless the dash from Brest synchronized too closely with the dawn spring campaign season in all Europe and the Near and Middle East to escape the conclusion that it

Japs Threaten Dutch Bastion

Showdown in Far East Seen as Nippon Hits Hard at Java, Burma

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to battle and the industry, zeal and devotion of the men left behind . . .

The Dutch command, urgently assembling its inadequate strength, reported Dutch bombers had scored a direct hit on another Japanese troop transport and a probable hit on a second.

Dutch defense forces were reported Tuesday fighting fiercely to stem a Japanese push from Sumatra west of this capital while Japanese airmen struck at the eastern end of this last major island bastion in the small Sunda island area which includes Bali, Lombok and Sumbawa.

Dutch bombers struck at the air and sea strength of the Japanese about Palembang, the big southern Sumatran oil center seized by the invaders Monday after Dutch demolition crews had wrecked it.

The bomb and machine-gun attacks on the small Sunda islands killed and wounded some of the inhabitants, but a communique said material damage was slight.

Dutch defenders, frankly disturbed both by the fall of Singapore and the failure to get reinforcements from the United States, kept a vigilant eye on the narrow Sunda strait for expected Japanese attempts to bridge that gap.

In Burma the British were strengthening their line along the Balaich river, in a critical area only 50 miles from the main railroad which provisions the Burma allied supply road to China, in the hope that the thus far dangerous Japanese progress could be halted long enough for a counter-offensive to be prepared.

The defenders' position was not good; the London Times indicated its gravity by reporting that the allied staffs in both Washington and London were "now concentrated" on the Burmese theatre's great problems.

A spokesman for the Chinese, who have sent large reinforcements into Burma, declared flatly that "more vigorous action" was required of the allies in the southwest Pacific generally, explaining:

"By vigorous action we mean more substantial reinforcements and more counter-offensives. Such action must be taken if we have to run some risks, for in the south we now really are defending the last line of our operational bases."

Welders Said Reemployed At Tacoma

TACOMA, Wash., Feb. 17-(AP)—H. Fred Lalley, assistant general manager of the Seattle-Tacoma Shipbuilding corporation, said Tuesday night "practically all" the welders involved in the recent dispute with the AFL-Bollert-makers' union had been reemployed at the big yards here.

No reliable estimates were available indicating how many welders this amounted to, but it was recalled that their leader, Charles L. Brinkerhoff, declared "more than 700" still were idle when the walkout collapsed last weekend after three weeks' duration.

Lalley described the situation at the yards as "back to normal," with two full shifts working Tuesday and the one at midnight showing "every sign of being up to strength again."

Logger Group Offers Busses For Workers

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 17-(AP)—The Columbia Basin Loggers' association offered Tuesday to provide busses or trucks to transport men to work in the woods if the unions would operate and maintain them.

W. C. Ruegnitz, association manager, said the offer answered requests of CIO loggers for transportation in view of tire rationing. Several Clatsop county logging operations closed recently when workers put up their cars and refused to go to work until transportation was provided.

Tinglestad Rites Today

SILVERTON—Funeral services for Mrs. Beret Tinglestad, who died here Monday, are to be held today at 2 p. m. at the Trinity church, with Rev. M. J. K. Fuhr officiating. Mrs. Tinglestad was the last remaining charter member of Trinity church. Larson and Son funeral home is in charge of arrangements. Interment is to be in Evens Valley cemetery.

Funeral Thursday for Silvertown Resident
SILVERTON—Funeral services for Feder Martin Nilson, who died here Monday, are to be held Thursday at 2 p. m. from the Larson and Son funeral home with Rev. M. J. K. Fuhr officiating. Interment is to be in Evens Valley cemetery.

Shower Honors Mehama Woman

MEHAMA — A surprise shower honoring Mrs. Joel Banche was given at the home of Mrs. Ralph Downs Friday by women. Refreshments following the Valentine trend were served to the following persons: Mesdames Joel Bouche, Winnie Branch, Millie Monroe, Vivian Johnson, Betty Johnson, Inez Crook, Jennie Moore, Lorene Philippi, Edith Philippi, Ardy Kimsey, Carmen McDonald, Blanche Wagner, Dorothy Downer, Marley Johnson, Frances McCarty, Meral Teeters, Nellie Kirsch, Bepnice Boring, Thelma Borne, Louise Erickson, Mae Carter, and Eula Monroe, all of Mehama, and Mrs. Harley Scott, Union Hill.

Tax Assessor Explains Levy

Switch to New Fiscal Year Confuses Many County Residents

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First, let it be understood that NO ONE, not the county judge nor the nation's president, can predict what the full year's tax will be. Any figure must be based on supposition. For not until the city, county and school district budget committees have completed an outline of planned expenditures and non-tax income can anyone determine what costs of government will be.

But, supposing that neither the city, the county nor the school district noticeably increases its budget, on the currently-assessed valuation, Salem taxpayers will be required to pay less this calendar year than last. That is not true of all Marion county property owners, but we'll come to that later.

This is the way to figure the Salem tax. The statements received during the past week are based on a total levy of 39.5 mills or \$39.50 on each \$1000 assessed valuation. Last year's levy was for \$61.70 per \$1000. With no considerable increase in budgets it may be assumed that the full-year's levy to be made this fall will amount to \$61.70, says Shelton. Only one-quarter of that levy falls due in 1942.

Thus the payment to be made November 15, should amount to \$15.43 on each \$1000. Add \$15.43 to \$39.50 and you have \$54.93 as the sum you may be expected to pay. By the simple process of subtraction you will find that it is less by \$6.77 than last year's full levy of \$61.70 for each \$1000.

Figuring similarly, Silvertown property owners may expect to pay \$70.54 per \$1000, whereas last year they paid \$71.80.

But Woodburn—Ah, there is another story. Woodburn's city fiscal year has previously started in September, so the current levy is not for six months but for a 10-months' budget so far as the city of Woodburn is concerned and its total levy for this year may reasonably amount to \$56.35 as compared with \$53 last year.

As a general rule, communities where the school tax has always been far and away the heaviest may expect to pay a little more this year than last, since the current tax statements, although said to be for "the first six months of 1942," actually represent a full year's school taxes, thus bringing school districts into the same fiscal year as other taxing units.

The applicants are F. L. Stellmacher, Albany, and E. G. Kingwell, Salem. Counties represented in the council are Polk, Linn, Benton and Marion.
A third applicant, Tom Hill of Salem, was expected to file his application later.
The council already has held several meetings and the selection of a coordinator may be announced at another session at Monmouth today noon.

Death Claims Vet Official

ROSEBURG, Feb. 17-(AP)—Death claims Col. Elton F. Tandy, 66, manager of the Veterans Administration Facility, here Tuesday. Pneumonia was followed by heart complications.
Col. Tandy was a native of New Hampshire, a veteran of the Spanish American and first World wars. He was cited for distinguished service at Seissons in 1918. He married Elsie Lee Mills in 1930 at San Francisco. She survives him.

The funeral will be held here Wednesday. The body will be taken to Wellesley, Mass., for interment.
Every taxpayer received along with his tax statement this week a little folder containing a summary of mills by taxing districts. He may compare the total affecting his own property with those listed this week in Shelton's office by assessors elsewhere in his state.

Ashland's tax is 23.5 mills; Medford, 28.9; Central Point, 63.1; Jacksonville, 41.3.
Hood River pays 23.86; Cascade Locks, 42.87; Roseburg, 28.3; Reedsport, 44.4; Myrtle Creek, 21.8; Riddle, 40.6; Drain, 46.7; Sutherland, 45.1.
The little town of Empire in Coos county, meeting new defense industry needs, has levied 58.8 mills; Marshfield, 45.8; Coquille, 52.1; North Bend, 55.
Klamath Falls has levied 39.9 mills; Chiloquin, 33.6; Oregon City, 40.5; West Linn, 28; Milwaukie, 44.1; Estacada, 44.9; Canby, 30.1; and Molalla, 33.9.

From Ted Brabec, tax deputy in Sheriff A. C. Burk's office, comes this explanation and request:
"Due to the fact that the 1941 session of the state legislature changed the Oregon tax laws, the statements mailed to you the past week are for the first six months of 1942 only and your payment when mailed to this office together with the statement, must be for the amount as written on the statement and no more. Please do not mail to this office your check for more than is called for in your statement for the first half of 1942

FDR Sees US Cities Bombed

Raps Capital Set for Rumors, Lies; Coast Declared Vulnerable

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things in the course of a discussion of a \$163,794,819 deficiency appropriation bill containing \$100,000,000 for the office of civilian defense. It was passed and sent back to the house for consideration of amendments. Senator McKellar (D-Tenn) told his colleagues that the measure had been stripped of "frills and furbelows" which a week ago caused vigorous criticism of OCD.

None of the money contained in the bill, he said, could be used for the "amusement of little children," or "for instruction in artistic dancing."

Mr. Roosevelt's warning about raids on American cities grew out of a discussion of the situation in Alaska. A reporter inquired whether the navy and air force at present were strong enough to prevent an attack on Alaska.

The president said they certainly were not, and added that "under certain conditions New York could be shelled tonight and Detroit bombed tomorrow."

In addition Mr. Roosevelt described as rot reports in Washington that the damage done by the Japanese at Pearl Harbor was greater than that reported by Secretary of the Navy Knox after his personal investigation of the extent of the damage.

The word R-O-T, he said spelling it out, was applicable to most of the rumors circulated in Washington. The town, he said, had become a rumor factory and he hoped his statement would sink in.

The president said Washington was the source of more lies than any other place in the country, and referred at the same time to a Cliveden set here.

He mentioned the Cliveden set when a reporter said there had been criticism of another loan to Russia on the theory that the soviet union should not be made too powerful in the post-war period.

That argument, the chief executive replied, is about on a par with others offered by the Cliveden set in Washington. He would not make a better identification, he added, because he was being awfully polite.

(A so-called "Cliveden set" in England before the war was accused by its critics of advocating appeasement of Germany and a policy of inducing Hitler to forego any expansion to the west in return for a free hand in the east against Russia. Cliveden was the home of Lord and Lady Astor.)

Two Ask for Cantonment Council Job

Two applications have been received for the job of coordinator of the four county cantonment council, organized recently to handle many local problems in connection with the Corvallis-Monmouth army cantonment now under construction.

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Police Search For Attacker At Woodburn

Robber-assailant of a Woodburn man continued to elude searchers late Tuesday night, according to state police. Andrew Peters was the victim, to the extent of severe injuries and the loss of about \$40.
Peters told police the stranger, who said his name was McCoy, came to his house just north of Woodburn Monday. He left his back and went into town to register for the draft. Upon his return he was invited to come in for a meal.

Shortly after, according to Peters, the transient attacked him with a grubbing hoe, took his wallet and left. Peters, knocked semi-conscious, recovered and started to get help. The other man, however, was outside the house and stoned his victim, who made his escape. The assailant disappeared.

Aged Valley Resident Dies

FOX VALLEY—Harvey Shelton, 83, died unexpectedly at his home Monday night. He has been a resident of this vicinity for many years.

His survivors include one son, Delbert Shelton; sisters, Mrs. McCall, Lyons, Mrs. Bilyeu, Crabtree, and Mrs. Burmister; and two granddaughters.
Funeral services are to be held Friday at 2 p. m. at the Weddie funeral home in Stayton. Interment is to be in the family plot at Fox Valley cemetery.

Dallas Enrolls 1161 In Draft Registration

DALLAS—Total number of men registered by the Polk county local board for selective service was 1161, Max Groves, clerk of the draft board, announced Tuesday night.

Of this number 1067 gave addresses in this district and 74 gave addresses from other districts, Groves said.

Bataan Feels Heavy Bombs

Women and Children Refugees Killed in Camp Behind Lines

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Of the actual fighting the war department communique said: "Heavy artillery fire from the Cavite shore bombarded our harbor fortifications with increasing intensity during most of the day. Damage to our installations and casualties were not great."

"In Bataan, the enemy is bringing up artillery reinforcements and there is increased artillery fire all along the front. Enemy activity is increasing."

House Passes Billions Bill

Gigantic Measure to Finance Vast Flow Of Arms and Ships

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The gigantic omnibus measure, carrying funds to finance a vast flow of munitions and construction of merchant ships at the rate of two a day, would boost the total voted for defense expenditures in 1941, 1942 and 1943 to the staggering sum of \$142,000,000,000. The bill now goes to the senate.

The measure bundled up allotments for an army of 3,600,000 men, including a 1,000,000 air force by the end of this year, and provided billions to set up a reservoir from which the nation's allied partners may draw critically-needed supplies.

It provided new funds, too, for the maritime commission to send 786 vessels down the ways this year and to construct eventually 2877 ships at a cost of \$6,704,464,056.

By voice vote, the house turned thumbs down to two attempts to amend the administration's draft of the outlay. Rep. Smith (D-Va), author of a house-approved anti-strike bill still pending in the senate, attempted in vain to insert its provisions as a rider on the appropriation measure.

Also blocked was an attempt to eliminate a provision authorizing transfer of \$11,250,000,000—approximately half of the amount allotted to the war department—to the United Nations in the form of lend-lease aid.

Church Meet Tempo Speeds

Pastors Arriving for Conference; Council Of Women Is Opened

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ours is a bigger business!" Peterson maintained. "As patriotic citizens we may participate in the work of agencies organized for those tasks but we should keep them out of the church."



Dr. Albert E. Day, Pasadena, Calif., above, who will talk on "The Art of Preaching" each morning at 10:30 during the State Pastors' conference, which opens here today and continues through Friday.

- Today's program includes: 8:00—Breakfast, Dean Graham, Devotions. 9:00—KSJL Radio—Dr. Stewart. 10:00—"Dynamic Christianity," Continued. Dean Graham, Leader. 11:00—Business Session, Oregon Council of Church Women, First Presbyterian Church. 11:30—Willamette University Chapel. Dr. Albert Edward Day, Speaker. 12:00—Rotary Club—Dean Thomas W. Graham. 12:30—Hollywood Lions Club, Dr. Ralph C. Walker, Speaker. 1:00—Theatre Meeting, Dr. Paul S. Wright, Speaker. Dr. Irving A. Fox, Presiding. 12:45—C. C. W. Luncheon, First Congregational Church—Dr. Gertrude Boyd Crans, Speaker. 2:00—"Christian Unity in Practice," Rev. S. Raynor Smith, Presiding. Dr. Albert E. Day, Dr. I. George Vance, Dr. Elbert M. Conover. 2:30—O. C. W. Session, Mrs. E. P. Golder, Speaker. 3:00—"Church Architecture," Rev. Robert A. Hutchinson, Presiding. Dr. Elbert M. Conover. 3:30—"Putting the Bible to Work," Dr. Knopf, Leader. Rev. W. Irvin Williams, Presiding. 3:15—Radio Program—KSJL. 4:00—"Women's Tea and Reception at the Home of Mrs. Charles A. Sprague, 435 N. 14th. 6:00—Sunday School Worker's Dinner, First Methodist Church, Dr. Norman C. Thorne, Speaker. 6:15—Employed Women's Dinner—Miller's Tea Room, Dr. Gertrude Boyd Crans, Speaker. 6:30—Joint H-I-Y-M. C. A.—Dr. Stewart, Speaker.

US Envoy Visits Yanks

BELFAST, Northern Ireland, Feb. 17-(AP)—John G. Winant, United States ambassador to London, arrived by plane Tuesday to inspect American expeditionary forces in northern Ireland.

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